

RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of the RHS Music Department,

We are pleased to announce that the destination for the 2012 Reservoir High School Music Department Spring Trip is Virginia Beach, VA! Our trip is set for Thursday, April 26th to Sunday, April 29th.

We are participating in a music competition and for those interested, the competition is on Friday, April 27th and the awards ceremony (place TBA) is on Saturday, April 28th.

This will be a memorable, fun, and musically rewarding experience for all involved – students and parents alike. The uncertainty of the number of students attending makes it difficult to determine the exact price of the trip at this point. Experience at this venue and input from high schools who took this trip recently puts the price **about \$590 - \$635 per student**. The final amount will vary depending on the number of students and final contract amounts. In order to make our deposit deadlines for buses, hotels, and festival fees, we must receive your payments in a timely manner.

The first deposit of \$200.00 is due Monday, January 16th, and represents your student's intent to go on the trip. From this, we will be better able to calculate overall trip activities and costs.

The deposit is an extremely important payment as it allows the Music Directors to commit financially to the hotel, bus, and festival and provides the directors the necessary time to fine tune their musical selections. It also allows for review of student participation and creates the opportunity to determine a more exact cost for the trip. Because of the necessity to produce accurate figures as soon as possible, the first payment is due in 7 weeks. **No trip deposits will be accepted after February 1st unless an arrangement has been discussed with your student's director prior to the deadline.** This means that no students will be able to be added into the trip after February 1st so please plan accordingly.

Please review the eligibility policy – any student with less than 2.0 GPA and/or have any failing grade for 2nd Quarter grades may not go on the trip. If a student decides, for any reason (eligibility, financial, change of mind), not to make the trip, the amount of money, if any, refunded to the student will depend on timing and venue deposit factors. **A refund of monies paid into the trip is not guaranteed.**

We want ALL students to attend this wonderful event for many reasons. It will allow the students the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work throughout the year in a performance with nationally recognized clinicians. The trip provides a much deserved occasion for team and spirit building. Further, it gives students an opportunity to reach their highest potential, as they will perform for not only other members of the Reservoir Music Department but also other music students from throughout the United States. Most importantly, we want all students to go on the Spring Trip because it will be a fun and memorable event!

Remember that all students may cover some or all of their trip fees by participating in the department's fundraising activities. Between now and April, students can earn monetary credits for their trip by selling citrus fruit, subs for the Super Bowl, dinner raffle tickets to some of our area's best restaurants, and other planned fundraisers. Student account balances are compiled for each fundraiser and are available at request from the treasurer.

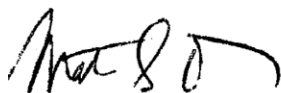
The trip payment schedule is listed below. Please make all checks payable to: "RHS Music Boosters". To ensure your payment is credited to the right student, please indicate the payment number and your student's name on the check. Turn in payments to your music director by the assigned dates. Any student unable to follow the payment schedule should speak with his/her music director. We are happy to work out other arrangements in case of financial difficulty. Please note that all financial obligations, such as concert dress fees, must be satisfied before the trip departure date.

To make this a successful trip, we will need several adult chaperones. The directors and the trip planning committee will be selecting interested parents based on their participation with the numerous music booster activities throughout the year. If interested, please contact Mr. Dubbs via email at matt_dubbs@hcpss.org.

A mandatory pre-trip Pledge Night is scheduled for Monday, April 23rd, 2012 at 7:00pm. All students who will be participating in the 2012 Spring Trip must attend this meeting with at least one parent. A make-up session will be Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00pm.

We are looking forward to another exciting and successful trip and hope each and every Music Department member will be able to attend.

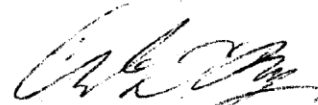
Sincerely,



Matthew Dubbs
Band Director



Greg Khauf
Choir Director



Colin O'Bryan
Orchestra Director

Payment Schedule for Spring Trip 2012 to Virginia Beach, Va.

| Payment | Due Date | Required Amount | Date Paid | Check # |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| Initial | January 16 th | \$200 | | |
| 2 nd | March 1 st | \$250 | | |
| Final | April 1 st | Balance | | |

Make checks payable to "RHS Music Boosters". Please be certain to write "Trip Pmt #__ for [Student Name]" on the memo to ensure proper credit.

We suggest you retain this page and use this form to keep track of your payments in the event your payment is lost to the bottom of your student's backpack!